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IMPORT TRADE CONTROL

New Delhi, the 18th August, 1955.

SUBJECT.—*Dock strike at Antwerp (Belgium)—extension in the period of validity of import licences.*

No. 46-ITC(P.N.)/55.—It has been brought to the notice of the Government of India that there was Dock strike at Antwerp (Belgium) which commenced on 27th June, 1955, and ceased on 27th July, 1955. As a result thereof, there have been cases of delays of shipments.

2. This matter has been considered and it has been decided that all import licences, the effective period of validity of which (after taking into account the 15 days' grace period and the concession provided for in paragraph 71 of the current Red Book), expired during the currency of the Dock strike, will be automatically extended to cover shipments made upto 15th September, 1955. This means that import licences which after taking into account the 15 days' grace period, expired on the 15th July, 1955, or 15th August, 1955, will come within the purview of this concession.

3. No formal revalidation of the licences would be necessary. The customs authorities will allow clearance of goods against the import licences provided the importers produce a certificate from their foreign suppliers/shippers to the effect that the goods in question would have been shipped during the period of original validity of the licences but for this strike at Antwerp.

4. It may please be noted that:—

- (i) no further period of grace after 15th September, 1955, will be allowed in the case of such shipments; and
- (ii) no fresh Letters of Credit will be allowed to be opened during this period of extension in the validity of licences but letters of credit which have already been opened against these licences and have expired during this period can be renewed or extended.

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